(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) One loan agreement for an amount of US $ 180 million has been signed in October 2000 with Asian Development Bank for rehabilitation and upgradation to four-lanes of Surat-Manor Section of National Highway-8 (*i.e.*, Surat-Manor tollway Project, 118.2 km in Gujarat and 57.4 km in Maharashtra), which is under progress.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Upgradation of roads into National Highways in Gujarat

1030. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has represented for upgradation of 2800 Kms. of roads into National Highways;and

(b) by when the proposals are going to be accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) All the proposals received from the State Governments, including that of Guajrat, have been returned to them in June 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. Presently, there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to funds constraint. The Government may, however, consider declaration of very limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highway during the crouse of the Tenth Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Funds to Uttar Pradesh under PMRY

†1031. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana during the year 2001-2002, district-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of the funds proposed to be released during the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) An amount of Rs. 363.92 lakhs has been released to Uttar Pradesh for training and Entrepreneurial Development & Contingency during the year 2001-02 under the PMRY.

(b) An amount of Rs. 204.37 lakhs has been released to Uttar Pradesh for Training and Entrepreneurial Development and Contingency etc. during the year 2002-03 under the PMRY as on 13.11.2002. The State Government has a balance of Rs. 458.23 lakhs. The further release of funds for the year 2002-03 to Uttar Pradesh will depend upon the utilisation of previously released funds.

Investment ceiling for bulk drugs

1032. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the SSI investment ceiling for 13 bulk drugs and drug intermediates from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crores;

(b) if so, the details of the other products in the list that are being considered;

(c) whether Government had recently dereserved five drug intermediates from SSI sector;

(d) if so, the 13 products for which the investment ceiling is going to be raised; and

(e) to what extent this would improve the country's exporf market in these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government have tabled a draft order in the Rajya Sabha on 23.07.2002 seeking to raise the SSI investment ceiling from Rs. one crore to five crore in respect of ten products in the drugs and pharmaceuticals sector. In addition the list also includes 13 products in the stationary sector.